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In re Patent No. 6,058,157	:	
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Application No. 09/188,333	:	ON PETITION
Filed: November 9, 1998	:	
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This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.378(c), filed November 6, 2012, to accept the delayed payment of a maintenance fee for the above identified patent.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

The patent issued May 2, 2000. Accordingly, the 11 ½ year maintenance fee due could have been paid during the period from May 2, 2011 through November 3, 2011, or with a surcharge during the period from November 4, 2011 through May 2, 2012. This patent expired on May 3, 2012.

The regulation related to the above section of the Code, as it pertains to unintentional delay, is 37 CFR 1.378(c), which permits a patentee to reinstate an expired patent if the petition is filed within 24 months of the six-month grace period if the delay in paying the maintenance fee was unintentional.

In this instance, petitioners have filed a petition under 37 CFR 1.378(c) and submitted the \$2,365.00 11 ½ year small entity maintenance fee, and the \$1,640.00 surcharge where late payment was unintentional.

All of the requirements under 37 CFR 1.378(c) being met, the above-identified patent is reinstated as of the mail date of this decision.

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